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Clement named to BND Advisory Board

Bismarck, **ND** – Governor John Hoeven recently appointed Pat Clement of Bismarck to serve on the Bank of North Dakota (BND) Advisory Board. Clement's term is effective November 15, 2005 to June 30, 2009.

A native of Garrison, N.D., she graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Clement was a member of the initial Bismarck Little League Board of Directors and has served as president of the Missouri Family YMCA Board of Directors.

Clement is Manager Finance and Accounting /Treasurer and Assistant Corporate Secretary at BNI Coal, Ltd. headquartered in Bismarck. She has worked in the finance and accounting area at BNI Coal for 29 years. BNI Coal, Ltd., a North Dakota corporation, provides lignite coal to the Milton R. Young Stations at Center, ND. In 1989 the Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE, a Minnesota diversified electric utility.

"I'm excited to join the BND Advisory Board and look forward to serving on this board," says Clement. Pat and her husband, Don, managing partner at the Brady Martz and Associates Bismarck office, have two sons: Casey and Kelly.

The nation's only state-owned bank, BND was established in 1919 to encourage and promote agriculture, commerce and industry in North Dakota. BND is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Gov. John Hoeven as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

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